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**ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c)
AND REQUEST FOR REFUND UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a)**Via Facsimile 703-872-9306
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c), the undersigned hereby states that the above-identified application qualifies for small entity status as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(1). On June 10, 2004, the Issue Fee was paid at the large entity rate of \$1,330.00. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.28(a), Applicants respectfully request a refund of the amount of \$665.00, the difference between the Issue Fee for a small entity and the Issue Fee for a large entity, be credited to the credit card account on which the Issue Fee was paid. This request for refund is timely filed as it is being submitted within three months of the date of the timely payment of the Issue Fee.

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